

# Alabama Department of Senior Services



*United We Ride Initiative*



State Coordination Grant

Federal Transit Administration/ Department of Transportation:  
Solicitation for Proposals Number 70 FR 54438

Submitted: October 10, 2005

### **Mission Statement**

The State of Alabama's mission is to provide an easily accessible and coordinated transportation system that addresses the needs of older adults, people with disabilities, and individuals with lower incomes, producing the best outcome for each person we serve.

### **Level of Coordination and Collaboration with State Agencies and Partners**

To establish state coordination of Human Service Transportation, Governor Riley on April 13, 2005 issued *Executive Order Number 28* intending to result in enhanced customer access, at the local level, for individuals with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with low incomes. Executive Director of the *Alabama Department of Senior Services* is appointed to serve as the Chair of the *United We Ride Commission* to lead and carry forward the activities of the *United We Ride* initiative in Alabama. Designees, each of whom will have voting rights on the commission are as follows:

- State Health Officer of Public Health
- State Superintendent of the Department of Education
- Commissioner of the Alabama Medicaid Agency
- Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources
- Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Retardation
- Commissioner of the Department of Rehabilitation
- Director of the Department of Transportation
- Director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
- Director of the Governor's Faith-Based and Community Initiative
- Representatives of the Alabama State House of Representative appointed by the Governor
- One Consumer appointed by the Governor

- One Representative from the Office of the Governor
- One At-Large Member appointed by the Governor:

*(Or a respective designee from each)*

The Commission will meet at least four (4) times annually, establish task groups, focus groups, hold town meetings/forums, and other meetings deemed necessary to address the transportation needs of Alabama.

The *United We Ride Commission* enthusiastically met for their first assembly May 9, 2005, and has met subsequently thereafter.

**The Development and Implementation of the Human Service Transportation grant activities have meaningfully included consumers in the state planning activities.**

By contracting with Auburn University's Center for Business and Economic

Development, we have sought to identify transportation means, users, costs, and barriers to state services in Alabama.

The *United We Ride* Survey Study consists of three (3) surveys to target groups knowledgeable of transportation services. The survey population includes agencies providing transportation, direct transportation providers (public, private for-profit, private non-profit), and consumers of transportation services. The representatives of participating agencies met to identify (a) the groups and subgroups of participants to be surveyed (b) the core issues the survey should address. The three (3) surveys are as follows:

- *Survey I: Agency Survey*
  - a) Format: Mail out with letter presenting survey information
  - b) Number: One per agency

- *Survey 2: Direct Transportation Service Provider Survey*  
     (public, private for-profit, private non-profit)
  - a) Format: Telephone survey / Mail-out
  - b) Number: Depends upon the total number available
  
- *Survey 3: Transportation Service User Recipient Survey*
  - a) Format: Telephone and on-site visits
  - b) Number: Number per agency /service depends on the number using the service. Est. 250-300 contacts

We have included those needing transportation services in the surveys conducted, as to develop an overall plan that reflects their needs. The private, faith based and non-profit organizations have systems in place, and it has been our goal to take those successes and review them. Our survey assessments have coordinated studies that have been conducted within the past three (3) years with the new information accumulated through a series of surveys received from the consumers. The assessment has addressed questions pertinent to all groups desiring transportation and has expanded among different segments of the population. Ultimately, with the \$75,000 in funds requested, we would like to implement the results of these studies in a selected pilot area of our state with a transportation program serving both urban and rural citizens. The implementation of this coordinated human services transportation plan will be executed upon the support of all state agencies serving on the *United We Ride Commission*, and when the concluding state action plan is finalized and approved.

#### **Plan for Evaluation**

The contracting consultants have developed an assessment tool that will be directed to a random group of consumers within the pilot area that addresses a series of questions

relevant to transportation services. The evaluation plan will be conducted efficiently because it will be coordinated through the state agencies working directly with their consumers. The result of the study will enable us to note where revisions may be needed in our coordinated transportation system plan, and alter our plan of action as determined. A plan for the evaluation of the implementation activities will be all-encompassing and continuing throughout the grant period.

### **Proposed Project Activities**

The demonstrated support of Governor Riley's Executive Order 28 to develop a plan for coordinated human service transportation, calls for development and implementation of a framework for action reducing and eliminating restrictive and duplicate laws, regulations, and programs related to human service transportation. The *Alabama Department of Senior Services* has been charged with the duty to lead this endeavor, and has been very active in pursuing the outlined goals of this order. As the planning piece is reaching its' end, we look forward to the implementation of our proposed project activities and carrying forward with our State Plan of Action for coordinated human service transportation.

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Jan-06 QIR 1	Feb-06	Mar-06	April-06 QIR 2	May-06	Jun-06	July-06 QIR 3	Aug-06	Sept-06 QIR 4	Oct-06 QIR 4
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. United We Ride (UWR) Commission MEETING</li> <li>2. Survey results are studied</li> <li>3. State Action Plan includes pilot area and service partnership</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UWR MEETING</li> <li>2. Complete and approve State Plan of Action for implementing human services transportation</li> <li>3. Cooperative Agreement with Pilot project transportation coordinators is developed</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UWR MEETING -pilot project transportation coordinators included</li> <li>2. Pilot project coordinators are trained in UWR State Action Plan</li> <li>3. Outreach plan is created</li> <li>4. Cooperative Agreement w/ Transportation Coordinators is signed</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outreach Plan is carried out</li> <li>2. Implement transit program in Pilot 1 area</li> <li>3. Pilot project transportation coordinators submit monthly reports to Commission</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outreach Plan is carried out</li> <li>2. Pilot project transportation coordinators submit monthly reports to Commission</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UWR MEETING</li> <li>2. Outreach Plan is carried out</li> <li>3. Pilot project transportation coordinators submit monthly reports to Commission</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outreach Plan is carried out</li> <li>2. Pilot project transportation coordinators submit monthly reports to Commission</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outreach Plan is carried out</li> <li>2. Pilot project transportation coordinators submit monthly reports to Commission</li> <li>3. Evaluation Plan is carried out</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outreach Plan is carried out</li> <li>2. Pilot project transportation coordinators submit monthly reports to Commission</li> <li>3. Evaluation Plan is carried out</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UWR MEETING</li> <li>2. Outreach Plan is carried out</li> <li>3. Pilot project transportation coordinators submit monthly reports to Commission</li> <li>4. Evaluation Plan is carried out</li> </ol>

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**BUDGET**

Grant Award	Purpose
\$70, 000	Contractual
\$5,000	Outreach
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\$75,000	

APPLICATION FOR  
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION: Application <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction	2. DATE SUBMITTED 10-07-2005	Applicant Identifier
	3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	State Application Identifier
	4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY	Federal Identifier

5. APPLICANT INFORMATION		
* Legal Name: ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES	Organizational Unit:	
	Department:	
* Organizational DUNS: 001746440	Division:	
Address:	Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code)	
* Street 1: 770 WASHINGTON AVENUE SUITE 470	Prefix:	* First Name: IRENE
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* City: MONTGOMERY	* Last Name: COLLINS	
County:	Suffix:	
* State: AL      * Zip Code: 36130	Email: ICOLLINS@ADSS.STATE.AL.US	
* Country: USA		
6. * EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): 63-6000619	* Phone Number (give area code) 334-242-4985	Fax Number (give area code)
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es) Other (specify)	7. * TYPE OF APPLICANT: State Government Other (specify)	
	9. * NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: DOT/Federal Transit Administration	
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 20.514 TITLE: Transit Planning and Research	11. * DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: State Coordination Grants component of the United We Ride initiative	
12. * AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): Urban and Rural Counties - to be announced		
13. * PROPOSED PROJECT	14. * CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:	
* Start Date: 12-14-2005      * Ending Date: 12-14-2006	* a. Applicant 2      * b. Project VARIED	
15. * ESTIMATED FUNDING:	16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
* a. Federal      \$      75,000.00	a. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> THIS PREAPPLICATION / APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON DATE:	
* b. Applicant      \$      0.00	b. No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E.O. 12372	
* c. State      \$      0.00	OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW	
* d. Local      \$      0.00		
* e. Other      \$      0.00		
* f. Program Income      \$      0.00	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?	
g. TOTAL      \$      75,000.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes" attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
18. * TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES.		
a. Authorized Representative		
Prefix:	* First Name: IRENE	Middle Name: B.
* Last Name: COLLINS	Suffix:	
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d. Signature of Authorized Representative: Lori Frazier	e. Date Signed: 10-07-2005	

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The Alabama Department of Senior Services will serve as the lead agency for the State of Alabama in the submission of the United We Ride Proposal. We look forward to working with our partner agencies in the state as a statewide assessment tool and survey.

We are appreciative of the opportunity to participate and hopeful that a grant award will move Alabama in the direction of coordinated transportation services for our citizens.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Irene B. Collins  
Executive Director

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